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## MINUTES

### GRAFTON COUNCIL ON AGING October 14, 2021 GRAFTON SENIOR CENTER CRAFT ROOM

A meeting of the GRAFTON COUNCIL ON AGING was held on October 14, 2021, at 1:00 pm in the GRAFTON SENIOR CENTER CRAFT ROOM.

Members present were: William Cutler, Vice Chairman, Peter Shay, June Enos, Nina Whiting, Ann Allia and Annette McCarthy

Absent: William Drago, Chairman

Also present: Barbara Connelly, Senior Center Director, Marsha Platt, President of FOGE, in addition to Ann Robinson, Joy Ashley and Ellen Mackin from FOGE

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by William Cutler, Vice Chairman

A vote was taken to appoint Annette McCarthy as Secretary of the COA to fill the vacant spot on the committee. There was unanimous approval.

All members present reviewed the Secretary's minutes of September 9, 2021. A motion to accept as written was made by Peter Shay and seconded by Ann Allia. All voted in favor. There were no nays or abstentions.

The Director's Report was reviewed by Barbara Connelly. A correction was made on the dates the Center will be closed for Thanksgiving. The correct dates are Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Date for the Holiday Luncheon was confirmed for Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Director reported that an incident occurred in the parking lot when a senior was injured and access to her and her car was blocked due to a long line of parents' cars picking up students from school. The incident was reported to the Town Administrator. Suggestions were made to alleviate this problem.

The Senior Center became a SNAP intake site last October. Since then we have been reimbursed approximately \$1,013 from UMASS for processing applications for not only seniors but everyone and providing outreach.

Opening the center again to large group gatherings will be revisited around January of next year. The decision will be made by the Town Administrator. June Enos asked whether flu shots would be available, however there are no plans for this at present.

Peter Shay made a motion to approve the Director's Report. Ann Allia seconded that motion. All voted in favor. There were no nays or abstentions.

FOGE UPDATE: Marsha Platt, President, asked for direction of what types of activities the COA would like planned and whether the COA would be willing to help in planning. A discussion ensued and a suggestion was made to delay events at the present time until safety requirements are met. Bill Cutler said that we are a team and will work together on future events. June Enos made a motion to approve the FOGE Update which was seconded by Nina Whiting. All voted in favor. There were no nays or abstentions.



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NEW BUSINESS: Marsha Platt distributed information on the proposed affordable housing plan which will be discussed at the next Town Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> and the affect it will have on senior housing.

A motion to adjourn was made by Annette McCarthy, seconded by Ann Allia. All voted in favor. There were no nays or abstentions.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Annette McCarthy  
Secretary